

Commissioners in Causes Ecclesiastical, the Bishop
of London,
the Attorney General, and four doctors As it is
now become a
custom with the Puritans to refuse to take the
oath before
examination, the Bishop began in a long speech by
demanding
that he should take it

Mr Cartwnght opening his mouth to speak,
Mr Attorney
took the speech from him and also showed at
length how
dangerous a thing it was that men should upon
the conceits of
their own heads and yet under colour of
conscience refuse the
things that had been received for laws of a long
time This
oath that was tendered was according to the laws
of the land,
which he commended above the laws of all other
lands, yet
because they were the laws of men, they carried
always some
stain of imperfection

After much controversy, Mr Cartwnght still
resolutely
refusing to take the oath, the Bishop commanded
an act thereof
to be entered Then Mr Cartwnght put the
Bishop m mind
that he had promised him leave to answer the
charge which had
been given against him, the Bishop replied that
he had no
leisure to hear his answer, and if he would answer
it should be by
private letter

|itbMay RIPLEY'S ° COMPOUND OF ALCHEMY*

The Compound of Alchemy is entered, showing
the ancient
hidden art of Alchemy, the perfectest means to
make the
philosopher's stone, *aurum fotabile*, and other
excellent experi-
ments George Ripley, sometime Canon of
Bridlington in
Yorkshire, first wrote this book, which he
dedicated to King
Edward the Fourth, but Mr Ralph Rabbards,
student and
expert in alchemical arts, now sets it forth for the
first time for
the press It is penned in twelve gates or books,

each in verse,
showing severally the properties of calcination,
dissolution,
separation, conjunction, putrefaction, congelation,
separation,
cibation, sublimation, fermentation, exhalation,
multiplication,
and projection There is added also an Epistle to
King Edward
briefly summarising the whole and ending

First calcine, and after that purify,
Dissolve, distill, sublime, descend, and fix,
With *Aqua Vitae* oft times both wash and
dry,
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